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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director, Intelligence

SUBJECT: Guided Missiles Intelligence Presented by the DCI to
Congressional Committees in 1956 and 1957.

1. The materials attached summarize the key statements on this subject given in testimony before various Congressional groups over the past two years. Based on the available records, the greatest continuity was achieved in briefing the Joint Atomic Energy Committee and its Subcommittee on Military Applications. During the two years, they were briefed about Soviet guided missiles on five occasions. Subcommittees of the Senate Armed Services Committee were briefed on this subject on three occasions, two of which were full-dress presentations (to the Symington and Johnson groups).

2. The records include no mention of our estimate on Soviet capabilities to launch an earth satellite prior to the actual launching of Sputnik I, although this might have been mentioned in some session where no record was made.

3. The material in Attachment 1 comprises direct quotations from transcripts wherever possible. In some instances where no transcript was made, CIA memoranda for the record were excerpted. Bracketed words or phrases were inserted by me for clarity or continuity. To locate all excerpts on a given major category of missiles, see index.

4. To permit the use of this material at TOP SECRET classification if desired, estimates of specific warhead yields have been deleted from Attachment 1, identified by footnote references, and consolidated in a Restricted Data Attachment 2.

5. The recent Johnson Committee testimony has not been excerpted, since copies of the direct presentation are readily available.

6. For future reference to transcripts and other records on Congressional testimony, these materials are stored as follows:

CIA memoranda and correspondence -- Legislative Counsel 25X1A9a

Joint Atomic Energy Committee transcripts -- OSI, [REDACTED]

Symington and Johnson Committee transcripts -- ONE [REDACTED]

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